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⑤④ **Decision feedback equalizer with adaptive filter array operating as feedforward filter of the equalizer.**

⑤⑦ In a decision feedback equalizer, symbols from an array of antennas (10_1 - 10_N) are fed to a first filter (12) where they are respectively multiplied with first weight coefficients and supplied to a combiner (15) where they are combined with second symbols to produce a combined symbol. A decision circuit (16) makes a decision on the combined symbol and produces a decision symbol. Decision symbols successively generated by the decision circuit are fed to a second filter (18) where they are respectively multiplied with second weight coefficients and supplied to the combiner (15) as the second symbols. A difference between the decision symbol and the combined symbol is detected to produce a decision error. Each of the first weight coefficients is updated according to the decision error and the symbol from each of the antenna systems and each of the second weight coefficients is updated according to the decision error and each of the decision symbols successively supplied from the decision circuit so that the mean square value of the decision error is reduced to a minimum.

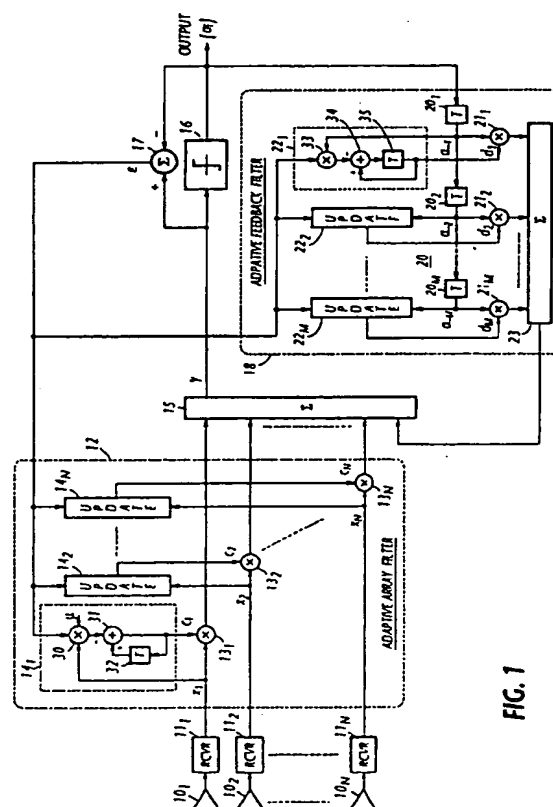


FIG. 1

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The present invention relates generally to radio receivers for digital radio communication systems, and more specifically to a decision feedback equalizer with adaptive filters connected to an array of antennas for cancelling both multipath intersymbol interference and jamming signals.

It is known that an array of adaptive antennas is used in combination with a decision feedback equalizer. The antenna array includes an adaptive filter array connected to an array of antennas, a reference signal source and an error detector that detects an error between the output of the filter array and the reference signal and adaptively controls the filter array according to what is known as least mean square (LMS) algorithm so that the mean square value of the error is reduced to a minimum. With this adaptive control, the main lobe of the antennas is oriented in the arrival direction of a desired signal to allow reception of the desired signal at maximum gain. The decision feedback equalizer includes a feedforward filter connected to the output of the filter array, a feedback filter, a combiner for summing the outputs of both feedforward and feedback filters, and a decision circuit for making a decision on the output of the combiner and supplying a decision symbol to the feedback filter. An error detector is connected across the decision circuit for detecting a decision error. Each of the feedforward and feedback filters is a transversal filter comprised by a tapped-delay line and a plurality of multipliers connected to the taps of the delay line for multiplying the tap signals with tap-weight coefficients. The tap-weight coefficients of both filters are derived by correlating the decision error with their tap signals and updating the correlation by subtracting it from the previous value so that the mean square value of the decision error is reduced to a minimum. With the mean square of decision error being controlled to a minimum, intersymbol interference caused by multipath fading is cancelled. Therefore, the LMS adaptive control is independently performed by the adaptive filter array and the decision feedback equalizer.

In the presence of a strong jamming signal, a null point is formed in the directivity pattern of the antennas for nulling the jamming signal. However, this nulling effect causes the main lobe of the antenna array to slightly offset from the arrival direction of the desired signal, making it impossible to precisely orient the main lobe in the arrival direction of the desired signal. A worst situation can occur if a jamming signal is arriving in the same direction as the desired signal.

On the other hand, if the tapped-delay line of the feedforward filter has a unit delay time corresponding to one half of the symbol interval, the feedforward filter operates not only as a canceller for removing time dispersed components of the desired signal due to multipath fading, but operates a matched filter for providing maximal ratio combining of those components of the desired signal that occur at the reference time so that the signal-to-noise ratio increases to a maximum.

However, the adaptive filter array operates by cancelling all multipath components of the desired signal. Thus, the feedforward filter of the decision feedback equalizer no longer produces the matched filtering effect.

It is therefore an object of the present invention to provide a decision feedback equalizer with an adaptive antenna array capable of cancelling both multipath fading distortion and jamming signals.

The object of the present invention is obtained by operating the adaptive array filter as a feedforward filter of the decision feedback equalizer and controlling it and the feedback filter of the equalizer so that the mean square value of the equalizer's decision error is reduced to a minimum so that the directivity pattern of the antenna array and the adaptive equalization of the decision feedback equalizer are simultaneously optimized.

According to a broader aspect of the present invention, there is provided a decision feedback equalizer for a radio receiver wherein an array of antenna systems is provided for receiving a modulated carrier and recovering a series of symbols from each antenna system. The decision feedback equalizer includes first and second filters. The first filter is connected to the antenna systems for respectively multiplying symbols from the antenna systems with first weight coefficients and supplying the multiplied symbols to a combiner where they are combined with second symbols to produce a combined symbol. A decision circuit makes a decision on the combined symbol and produces a decision symbol. Decision symbols successively generated by the decision circuit are supplied to the second filter where they are respectively multiplied with second weight coefficients and supplied to the combiner as said second symbols. A difference between the decision symbol and the combined symbol is detected to produce a decision error. Each of the first weight coefficients is updated according to the decision error and the symbol from each of the antenna systems and each of the second weight coefficients is updated according to the decision error and each of the decision symbols successively supplied from the decision circuit so that the mean square value of the decision error is reduced to a minimum.

According to a first specific aspect of the present invention, the first filter comprises a plurality of multipliers for multiplying symbols from the antenna systems with the first weight coefficients and supplying the multiplied symbols to the combiner.

According to a second specific aspect of the present invention, the first filter comprises a plurality of tapped-delay lines connected respectively to the antenna systems, and a plurality of groups of multipliers which groups correspond respectively to the tapped-delay lines. The multipliers of each group are connected respectively to successive taps of the corresponding tapped-delay line for respectively multiplying symbols at the

successive taps with the first weight coefficients and supplying the multiplied symbols to the combiner.

According to a third specific aspect, the first filter comprises a plurality of groups of multipliers which multiply symbols from the antenna systems with the first weight coefficients. A plurality of summers are provided corresponding respectively to the multiplier groups for summing the multiplied symbols of the corresponding multiplier group and producing therefrom a plurality of summed symbols. A plurality of delay elements are provided for respectively delaying the summed symbols by different amounts corresponding respectively to the summers and applying the delayed summed symbols to the combiner.

Specifically, the second filter includes a tapped-delay line connected to the decision circuit for producing a series of decision symbols and a plurality of multipliers connected respectively to successive taps of the delay line for respectively multiplying the decision symbols at the successive taps with the second weight coefficients and supplying the multiplied decision symbols to the combiner.

The present invention will be described in further detail with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which:

- 15 Fig. 1 is a block diagram of a digital radio receiver according to a first embodiment of the present invention;
- Fig. 2 is a block diagram of a simplified model of the first embodiment for computer simulation;
- Fig. 3A is a graphic representation of the result of a computer simulation on the four-antenna model of Fig. 2, and Fig. 3B is a graphic representation of the result of a computer simulation on a prior art four-element antenna array;
- 20 Fig. 4 is a block diagram of a digital radio receiver according to a second embodiment of the present invention, and Fig. 4a is a circuit diagram showing details of each of the update circuits of Fig. 4;
- Fig. 5 is a block diagram of a simplified model of the second embodiment for computer simulation using a single hypothetical interferer;
- 25 Figs. 6A, 6B and 6C are graphic representations of the results of computer simulation on the model of Fig. 5, wherein the frequency of the jamming signal is kept constant;
- Figs. 7A, 7B and 7C are graphic representations of the results of computer simulation on the single-interferer model of Fig. 5, wherein the frequency of the jamming signals is varied;
- Fig. 8 is a block diagram of a simplified model of the second embodiment for computer simulation using two hypothetical interferers;
- 30 Figs. 9A and 9B are graphic representations of the results of computer simulation on the two-interferer model of Fig. 8, wherein the arrival direction of the jamming signals is kept constant;
- Figs. 10A, 10B and 10C are graphic representations of the results of computer simulation on the two-interferer model of Fig. 8, wherein the arrival direction of the jamming signals is varied; and
- 35 Fig. 11 is a block diagram of a digital radio receiver according to a modified form of the second embodiment of the present invention.

Referring now to Fig. 1, there is shown a receiver for a digital radio communication system according to the present invention. At the transmit site of the system, a symbol sequence $\{ \dots a_{-1}, a_0, a_1, \dots \}$ is orthogonally modulated onto a carrier in a format such as quadrature phase shift keying and transmitted. The receiver of this invention comprises an array of antennas $10_1 \sim 10_N$ spaced apart at intervals corresponding to the half-wavelength ($=\lambda/2$) of the transmitted carrier for receiving a signal propagating over multipath fading channels. The outputs of antennas $10_1 \sim 10_N$ are connected respectively to receivers $11_1 \sim 11_N$ where they are demodulated to recover complex baseband signals x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N and applied respectively to complex multipliers $13_1 \sim 13_N$ of an adaptive array filter 12, where they are multiplied with weight coefficients c_1, c_2, \dots, c_N , respectively, supplied from coefficient update circuits $14_1 \sim 14_N$ for cancelling precursors (future symbols) of intersymbol interference caused by multipath fading. The weighted complex signals are summed together by a combiner 15 to produce a complex sum signal "y".

The output of combiner 15 is applied to a decision circuit 16 where it is compared with decision thresholds and a decision is made in favor of logic-1 or logic-0 depending on the result of the comparison, producing a sequence of estimated symbols $\{a_i\}$.

50 An error detector 17 is connected across the input and output of decision circuit 16 to detect a decision error ϵ . The decision error ϵ is supplied to update circuits $14_1 \sim 14_N$ for deriving and updating the weight coefficients c_1, c_2, \dots, c_N . Specifically, each update circuit 14_i (where $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$) includes a complex correlator 30 for multiplying the decision error ϵ with a correction factor μ and correlating the corrected decision error $\mu\epsilon$ with complex conjugate of the incoming symbol " x_i^* " (where (*) represents the complex conjugate), and a subtractor 31 for subtracting the output of complex correlator 30 from the output of a delay element 32 which delays the output of subtractor 31 by symbol interval T to produce a weight coefficient c_i from the output of subtractor 32. The operation of each update circuit 14 proceeds in a way that satisfies the LMS (least means square) algorithm $c_i^n = c_i^{n-1} - \mu x_i^* \epsilon$ (where n is the time indicator) so that the mean square value of the decision

error ε is reduced to a minimum.

The output of decision circuit 16 is applied to a feedback filter 18 in which postcursors (previous symbols) of intersymbol interference are cancelled. The feedback filter 18 comprises a tapped delay line 20 formed by delay elements 20₁ ~ 20_M each introducing a delay time of symbol interval T to a successive output of decision circuit 16 to produce a series of complex tap signals $a_{-1}, a_{-2}, \dots, a_{-M}$ along the taps of the delay line which are the earlier versions of the symbol a_0 at the output of decision circuit 16. These tap signals are respectively multiplied by complex multipliers 21₁ ~ 21_M with tap weight coefficients d_1, d_2, \dots, d_M supplied from coefficient update circuits 22₁ ~ 22_M. The weighted tap signals are summed by a summer 23 to produce a sum signal which is applied to the combiner 15 for cancelling postcursor intersymbol interference. Each update circuit 22_j (where $j = 1, 2, \dots, M$) includes a complex correlator 33 for multiplying the decision error ε with the correction factor μ and correlating the multiplied decision error $\mu\varepsilon$ with complex conjugate of the decision symbol " a_{-j} ", and a subtractor 34 for subtracting the output of complex correlator 33 from the output of a delay element 35 which delays the output of subtractor 34 by symbol interval T. The operation of each update circuit 22 proceeds in a way that satisfies the LMS algorithm $d_j^n = d_j^{n-1} - \mu a_{-j}^* \varepsilon$ to minimize the mean square value of the decision error ε .

A mathematical analysis will be given of the first embodiment of the present invention to indicate that the operation of adaptive array filter 12 and feedback filter 18 can be mathematically represented by simultaneous linear equations and that the adaptive array filter 12 functions as a feedforward filter which forms part of the decision feedback equalizer comprising the decision circuit 16, error detector 17 and feedback filter 18.

The weight coefficients c_i and d_j that minimize the mean square value of decision output ε are determined by a normal equation (Wiener-Hopf Equation) using the orthogonality principle. From the following relations, the normal Equation can be derived, using linear weight coefficients as unknown variables.

$$E[\varepsilon \cdot x_i^*] = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$E[\varepsilon \cdot a_j^*] = 0 \quad (2)$$

where E represents the expectation, $\varepsilon = y - a_0$, and y is given by:

$$y = [c_1, c_2, \dots, c_N] \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_N \end{bmatrix} + [d_1, d_2, \dots, d_M] \begin{bmatrix} a_{-1} \\ a_{-2} \\ \vdots \\ a_{-M} \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

A simplified version of the embodiment of Fig. 1 is illustrated in Fig. 2 to derive the normal equation using a simplified dispersive propagation model. Let h_i represent the impulse response of a propagation path, with h_0 representing a reference impulse response for the symbol of interest. The impulse responses h_{-1} and h_{+1} represent the precursor and the postcursor, respectively. The received signals are represented by convolution of the transmitted symbol sequence $\{a_i\}$ and the impulse responses h_i . The main signal component S_1 received by each antenna is given by $h_0 a_0$ and a multipath component received by the antenna is given by $h_1 a_{0-1}$.

Because of the $\lambda/2$ antenna spacing, the main signal component S_1 received by antenna 10₁ is delayed by an amount equal to $\exp\{-j(i-1)\phi_0\}$ with respect to the main signal component S_1 received by the first antenna 10₁, where ϕ_0 is the angle of arrival of the main signal S_1 to the axis of each antenna and is given by $\phi_0 = \pi \sin \theta_0$. Therefore, the baseband signals x_i are represented as follows:

$$x_i = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} h_n \exp\{-j(i-1)\phi_n\} a_{0-n} + n_i \quad (4)$$

where n_i is the noise contained in the output of antenna 10₁ and ϕ_n represents the angle of arrival of a multipath signal component corresponding to the n-th impulse response of the dispersive propagation model and is given by $\phi_n = \pi \sin \theta_n$. From Equations (3) and (4), the normal Equation is given as follow:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Psi_{pq} & -H^* \\ H^T & -I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C \\ D \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (5)$$

where, C and D are in the form

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_N \end{bmatrix}, D = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \\ \vdots \\ d_M \end{bmatrix} \quad (6)$$

Ψ_{pq} represents the $N \times N$ correlation matrix of signals received by antennas $10_1 \sim 10_N$ and the elements of this matrix are given by:

$$\Psi_{pq} = \left[\sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} h_n^* \cdot h_n \cdot \exp\{j(p-q)\phi_n\} \cdot \sigma^2 \cdot \delta_{pq} \right] \quad (7)$$

where $p, q = 1, 2, \dots, N$, σ^2 is the noise power, δ_{pq} is the Kronecker's delta which equals 1 if $p = q$ or 0 if $p \neq q$, I is an $M \times M$ unit matrix, and 0 is an M -th order zero vector, H is the $N \times M$ correlation matrix of the feedback filter 18 given by Equation (8), and S is a correlation vector correlating the symbol vector (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) with the decision output symbol as given by Equation (9).

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} h_1 & \dots & h_M \\ h_1 \cdot \exp\{-j\phi_1\} & \dots & h_M \cdot \exp\{-j\phi_M\} \\ h_1 \cdot \exp\{-j2\phi\} & \dots & h_M \cdot \exp\{-j2\phi_M\} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ h_1 \cdot \exp\{-j(N-1)\phi_1\} & \dots & h_M \cdot \exp\{-j(N-1)\phi_M\} \end{bmatrix} \quad (8)$$

$$S = h_0^* \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \exp\{j\phi_0\} \\ \exp\{j2\phi_0\} \\ \vdots \\ \exp\{j(N-1)\phi_0\} \end{bmatrix} \quad (9)$$

Equation (5) indicates that the operation of adaptive array filter 12 and feedback filter 18 is represented by simultaneous linear equations and that the adaptive array filter 12 functions as a feedforward filter of the decision feedback equalizer. Therefore, the present invention is not simply a sum of, but an integrated combination of, an adaptive array filter and a decision feedback equalizer.

A computer simulation was made for evaluating the present invention in terms of the directivity pattern of the antenna array which is given by:

$$P(\theta) = |C^T \cdot \Gamma| = \left| \sum_{n=1}^{n=N} c_n \cdot \exp\{-j(n-1)\phi(\theta)\} \right| \quad (10)$$

where, Γ is a unit DC signal vector that is assumed to be arriving at antennas $10_1 \sim 10_N$ at an angle θ and is given by:

$$\Gamma^T = 1 \cdot [1 \exp\{-j\phi(\theta)\} \exp\{-j2\phi(\theta)\} \dots \exp\{-j(N-1)\phi(\theta)\}] \quad (12)$$

where $\phi(q) = \pi \sin \theta$.

In the computer simulation, a four-element antenna array (each element with a 10 dB signal-to-noise ratio) and a single-delay tap feedback filter were used for a three-wave multipath fading model by representing a main signal as $h_0 a_0$, a phase-advanced multipath component as $h_{-1} a_{+1}$, and a phase-lagged multipath component as $h_{+1} a_{-1}$, and setting the amplitude of the impulse responses to a unit value (i.e., $|h_{-1}| = |h_0| = |h_{+1}| = 1$, which represents the worst situation where the frequency selective fade is of infinite value) and setting the arrival angle of the main signal (θ_0), phase-advanced and lagged multipath components (θ_{-1}) and (θ_{+1}) as $\theta_0 = 20^\circ$, $\theta_{-1} = 45^\circ$ and $\theta_{+1} = 20^\circ$, respectively. For purposes of comparison, a simulation was further made on a prior art four-element adaptive array receiver (which includes no feedback filter), using the same operating parameters just described. Results of the computer simulations are shown in Figs. 3A and 3B.

The directivity pattern shown at Fig. 3A is the result of the simulation derived from the four-element model of Fig. 2. It is seen that the main lobe is oriented in the arrival direction ($\theta=20^\circ$) of the main signal and a null point (a point of zero gain) is formed in the arrival direction of the phase-advanced multipath component. While the phase-lagged multipath component $h_{+1} a_{-1}$ is summed with the main signal, it is cancelled with an estimate of the symbol a_{-1} derived from the first delay-line tap of the feedback filter. It is therefore seen that, regardless of the presence of multipath components of a desired signal, the directivity pattern of the antenna array is constantly oriented in the arrival direction of the main component of the desired signal so that it is received at a maximum signal-to-noise ratio. On the other hand, the directivity pattern shown at Fig. 3B is the result of simulation derived from the prior art adaptive array receiver. Since the prior art receiver lacks the feedback filter, but instead provides cancellation by forming null points in the antennas' directivity pattern, it is impossible to remove the phase-lagged multipath component $h_{+1} a_{-1}$ from the main component with which it is received with the same antenna gain. As a result, the reduction of the phase-lagged multipath component would cause the antenna gain to be reduced at the cost of the main signal.

While mention has been made of four-element antenna arrays, it is useful to describe the feature of two-element arrays which will find application in cellular mobile units. If a prior art two-element adaptive receiver is used, it is necessary to form two null points in the directivity pattern for cancelling phase-advanced and phase-lagged multipath components. However, this requirement goes beyond the capability of the two-element array. On the other hand, with the two-element array of the present invention, the phase-lagged multipath component can be cancelled with the feedback filter, and hence, the antenna array is required to form only one null point in the arrival direction of the phase-advanced multipath component.

A second embodiment of the present invention is shown in Fig. 4. The second embodiment features that it is capable of jamming signal cancellation as well as ISI (intersymbol interference) adaptive equalization. As illustrated, a plurality of tapped-delay-line adaptive filters $40_1 \sim 40_L$ of identical configuration are provided for antennas $10_1 \sim 10_N$, respectively, instead of the adaptive array filter 12 of the first embodiment. Each TDL adaptive filter 40_i (where $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$) includes N tapped-delay-line elements 41_i connected to receive a base-band symbol x_i from the associated receiver 11_i . Delay-line elements 41_i each introduce a delay time τ , typically one half of the symbol interval T , to produce tap signals x_{ik} (where $k = 0, 1, \dots, L-1$) and a plurality of complex multipliers 42_i respectively connected to successive taps of the delay line for multiplying tap signals $x_{i0} \sim x_{i(L-1)}$ with tap-weight coefficients $c_{i0} \sim c_{i(L-1)}$ respectively supplied from tap-weight update circuits 43_i . As illustrated in Fig. 4a, each update circuit 43_i includes a complex correlator 50 for multiplying the decision error ϵ with a correction factor μ and correlating the corrected decision error $\mu\epsilon$ with complex conjugate of the corresponding tap signal x_{ik}^* , and a subtractor 51 for subtracting the output of complex correlator 50 from the output of a delay element 52 which delays the output of subtractor 51 by interval τ to produce a weight coefficient c_{ik} at the output of subtractor 51. The operation of each update circuit 43_i proceeds to satisfy the LMS algorithm $c_{ik}^n = c_{ik}^{n-1} - \mu x_{ik}^* \epsilon$ so that the mean square value of the decision error ϵ is reduced to a minimum.

The weighted tap signals of each adaptive filter 40_i are summed by a summer 44_i to produce a sum signal which is applied to the combiner 15.

In a manner similar to the first embodiment, a normal equation is obtained as follows:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Psi_{11} & \Psi_{12} & \dots & \Psi_{1N} & -H_1^* \\ \Psi_{21} & \Psi_{22} & \dots & \Psi_{2N} & -H_2^* \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \Psi_{N1} & \Psi_{N2} & \dots & \Psi_{NN} & -H_L^* \\ H_1^T & H_2^T & \dots & H_N^T & -I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C_1 \\ C_2 \\ \vdots \\ C_N \\ D \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S_1^* \\ S_2^* \\ \vdots \\ S_N^* \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (13)$$

where, the $N \times N$ submatrix Ψ_{pq} is an Hermit matrix and given by:

$$\varphi(p, q)_{ij} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} h_{i-n}^* h_{j-n} \exp\{j(p-1)\phi_{i-n} - j(q-1)\phi_{j-n}\} + \delta_{pq} \delta_{ij} \sigma^2 \quad (14)$$

and equals the transposed complex conjugate Ψ_{qp}^T . The $N \times M$ correlation matrix H , the correlation vector S_k , the tap coefficient vectors C_k and D are given by:

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} h_1 \cdot \exp\{-j(k-1)\phi_1\} & \dots & h_M \cdot \exp\{-j(k-1)\phi_M\} \\ h_2 \cdot \exp\{-j(k-1)\phi_2\} & \dots & h_{M+1} \cdot \exp\{-j(k-1)\phi_{M+1}\} \\ h_3 \cdot \exp\{-j(k-1)\phi_3\} & \dots & h_{M+2} \cdot \exp\{-j(k-1)\phi_{M+2}\} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ h_L \cdot \exp\{-j(k-1)\phi_L\} & \dots & h_{M+L-1} \cdot \exp\{-j(k-1)\phi_{M+L-1}\} \end{bmatrix} \quad (15)$$

$$S_k = \begin{bmatrix} h_0 \exp\{-j(k-1)\phi_0\} \\ h_1 \exp\{-j(k-1)\phi_1\} \\ h_2 \exp\{-j(k-1)\phi_2\} \\ \vdots \\ h_{L-1} \exp\{-j(k-1)\phi_{L-1}\} \end{bmatrix} \quad (16)$$

$$C_k^T = [c_{k0}, c_{k1}, \dots, c_{k(L-1)}] \quad (17)$$

$$D^T = [d_1, d_2, \dots, d_M] \quad (18)$$

Since the TDL adaptive filters are a linear system, the principle of superposition is applied to treat them as a single TDL adaptive filter so that it forms a decision feedback equalizer with the feedback filter 18. The principle of superposition is first applied to the first (leftmost) taps of all TDL filters by summing the first tap signals of all TDL adaptive filters to obtain a tap-signal sum " $x_{1(L-1)} + x_{2(L-1)} \dots + x_{N(L-1)}$ ", followed by the summing of the second tap signals. The process is repeated until all signals at the last (rightmost) taps are summed together, producing a sum " $x_{10} + x_{20} \dots + x_{N0}$ ". A similar process is performed on all the tap weights, beginning with the first tap weight. By setting a reference tap to the 0-th tap of each adaptive filter, precursor and post-cursor distortions are respectively cancelled by the equivalent single TDL adaptive filter and the feedback filter 18. One important feature of the decision feedback equalizer is that, unlike the conventional decision feedback equalizer, the antenna array has a directivity pattern whose main lobe is oriented to the arrival direction of desired signal so that the signal-to-noise ratio is increased to a maximum. Using the principle of superposition, the main lobe $P_0(\theta)$ of the directivity pattern of antennas 10₁ ~ 10_L is obtained by the sum of reference taps

of all TDL adaptive filters as represented by Equation (19a) below, and the sidelobes $P_m(\theta)$ of the pattern are obtained by the sum of all taps other than the reference taps as represented by Equation (19b):

$$P_0(\theta) = \left| \sum_{k=1}^N c_{k0} \exp\{-j(k-1)\pi \sin \theta\} \right| \quad (19a)$$

$$P_m(\theta) = \left| \sum_{k=1}^N c_{km} \exp\{-j(k-1)\pi \sin \theta\} \right| \quad (19b)$$

where $m = 1, 2, \dots, L-1$.

In the previous embodiment, a null point is formed in the arrival direction of a phase advanced multipath signal only if such a phase advanced multipath signal exists. However, more than one null point is formed if more than one phase advanced multipath signal is received. Whereas, in the second embodiment, the adaptive array control is such that it does not create null points respectively for the individual phase advanced multipath signals, but operates only to keep the main lobe constantly oriented in the arrival direction of the main signal. The sidelobes of the antennas given by Equation (17b) capture phase advanced multipath signals. These signals are combined with a phase advanced multipath signal captured by the main lobe given by Equation (17a) and cancelled out in the combiner 15. A phase lagged multipath signal captured by the main lobe is cancelled in the combiner 15 with a signal produced by the feedback filter 18 as in the first embodiment. With the unit delay time τ being set equal to $T/2$, the TDL adaptive filters 40₁ ~ 40_L are not only capable of cancelling precursor distortions, but capable of functioning as a matched filter to provide the effect of combining the dispersed desired signal energies into a signal of high signal-to-noise ratio (i.e., high implicit diversity gain). If the unit delay time τ is set to a fraction other than $T/2$, the TDL adaptive filters 40₁ ~ 40_L will be able to cancel foldover distortion caused by a misalignment of the receiver clock timing from the transmitted clock.

Another important feature of the embodiment of Fig. 4 is the ability to cancel continuous wave (CW) jamming signals. A computer simulation was made on a simplified version of the Fig. 4 embodiment, using two TDL array filters each having two delay taps and a feedback filter having only one delay tap as shown in Fig. 5. The angle of arrival of both desired and jamming signals was chosen at 45°, the D/U and S/N ratio were set equal to 0 dB and 20 dB, respectively, and the center frequency of the jamming signal was taken at zero ($\Omega=0$). Reference tap weights c_{10} and c_{20} are multiplied with later symbols and tap weights c_{11} and c_{21} are multiplied with earlier symbols. Symbol interval T is used as a unit delay time for the two TDL adaptive filters.

A propagation model is considered for the computer simulation by assuming that a CW interference signal is arriving from a single jamming source and a desired signal has no multipath component. In Fig. 5, the desired signal is represented as a modulated symbol a_1 arriving at an angle θ_a and the jamming signal as $\sqrt{J} \exp(j\Omega t)$ arriving at an angle θ_j . A phase difference $\exp(-j\phi_a)$ occurs between the desired signal components arriving respectively at the two antennas. Likewise, a phase difference $\exp(-j\phi_j)$ exists between the jamming signal components arriving at these antennas (where $\phi_a = \pi \sin \theta_a$, $\phi_j = \pi \sin \theta_j$).

The following normal Equation yields:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Psi_{11} & \Psi_{12} & -H_1^* \\ \Psi_{21} & \Psi_{22} & -H_2^* \\ H_1^T & H_2^T & -I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C_1 \\ C_2 \\ D \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S_1^* \\ S_2^* \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (20)$$

where, $\Psi_{22} = \Psi_{11}$ and $\Psi_{21} = \Psi_{12}^*$, and Ψ_{11} and Ψ_{12} are given as follows:

$$\Psi_{11} = \begin{bmatrix} 1+\xi+\rho & \xi \exp(+j\Omega T) \\ \xi \exp(-j\Omega T) & 1+\xi+\rho \end{bmatrix} \quad (21a)$$

$$\Psi_{12} = \begin{bmatrix} \exp(-j\phi_a) + \xi \exp(-j\phi_j) & \xi \exp\{j\Omega T - \phi_j\} \\ \xi \exp(-j\Omega T + \phi_j) & \exp(-j\phi_a) + \xi \exp(-j\phi_j) \end{bmatrix} \quad (21b)$$

$$\xi = J/a_1 * a_1 \quad (22a)$$

$$\rho = \sigma^2/a_1 * a_1 \quad (22b)$$

$$H_1^T = [0 \ 1] \quad (22c)$$

$$H_2^T = [0 \ \exp(-j\phi_a)] \quad (22d)$$

$$S_1^T = [0 \ 1] \quad (22e)$$

$$S_2^T = [\exp(-j\phi_a) \ 0] \quad (22f)$$

$$0 = [0] \quad (22g)$$

$$C_1^T = [c_{10} \ c_{11}] \quad (22h)$$

$$C_2^T = [c_{20} \ c_{21}] \quad (22i)$$

$$D^T = [d_1] \quad (22j)$$

Note that ξ is the reciprocal of the D/U (desired-to-undesired signal) ratio and ρ is the reciprocal of the signal-to-noise ratio.

Results of the computer simulation performed on the normal Equation (20) are plotted as shown in Figs. 6A, 6B and 6C. Using the principle of superposition, the two-element filter model of Fig. 5 is separated into two sections, one with the reference tap weights c_{10} and c_{20} and the other with the second tap weights c_{11} and c_{21} and simulations were made respectively on the separated sections. The figure eight pattern shown at Fig. 6A is the result of the simulation on a section of the two-element filter model that includes the reference tap weights c_{10} and c_{20} by solving the normal Equations (19a) and (20). The directivity pattern shown at Fig. 6B is the result of the simulation on a section of the model formed by tap weights C_{11} and C_{21} , using Equations (19b) and (20).

It is seen that the main lobe is oriented in the arrival direction of the desired signal. In the prior art adaptive array in which null points are formed in the arrival direction of jamming signals for nulling such jamming signals. Whereas, in the present invention, CW interference cancellation is performed by a linear superposition of two signals of opposite phase as follows. By superposing the outputs of multipliers 41₁₀ and 41₂₀ with the outputs of multipliers 41₁₁ and 41₂₁ by combiner 15, jamming signal component $\sqrt{j}e^{j\Omega t}$ and jamming signal component $\sqrt{j}e^{j(\Omega t - \phi_j)}$ are cancelled out each other. Although the preceding symbol a_{t-1} is combined with the desired symbol a_t , introducing an intersymbol interference, this undesired component is cancelled by an estimate of the symbol a_{t-1} by the feedback filter 18. Therefore, the desired signal is not affected by the cancelling process of jamming signals.

While the directivity patterns of Figs. 6A and 6B are the gains of the TDL antenna array in the space domain, the gain of the TDL antenna array in the frequency domain will be evaluated as follows by assuming that the desired signal $\exp(j\omega t)$ has a unit amplitude and representing the output of the combiner 15 as:

$$H(\omega) = \{c_{10} + c_{20} \exp(-j\phi_j)\} + \{c_{11} + c_{21} \exp(-j\phi_j)\} \cdot (j\omega t) \quad (23)$$

The curve indicated in Fig. 6C is the frequency response of the two-antenna array in the direction of the jamming signal. The horizontal axis of Fig. 6C represents the modulation speed f_s in the range between $-f_s/2$ and $+f_s/2$, and the vertical axis represents the gain at 10 dB intervals. A deep notch is observed at the center frequency ($f=0$). Due to the presence of this deep notch, the CW interference is reduced to a minimum. Although it appears that the presence of such a deep notch would affect on the desired signal, the feedback filter 18 cancels intersymbol interference caused by the notch filtering effect. The deep notch frequency response produces, in effect, no adverse effect on the recovery of desired signal.

Further simulation results were derived from the single interferer model of Fig. 5 as shown in Figs. 7A, 7B and 7C by exclusively shifting the frequency of the hypothetical CW jamming signal from $f=0$ to $f=-0.25f_s$. The directivity pattern shown at Fig. 7A is a result obtained from the reference tap weights c_{10} and c_{20} . It is seen that the desired signal can be received with maximum antenna gain. The directivity pattern shown at Fig. 7B is a result obtained from tap weights c_{11} and c_{21} . The frequency response of the two-element antenna array of Fig. 5 is shown in Fig. 7C, which indicates that a deep notch occurs in the range between $-0.25f_s$ and $+0.25f_s$ for cancelling the CW jamming signal.

While mention has been made of a single interferer model, the embodiment of Fig. 4 has the ability to cancel interference signals coming from more than one jamming source if each of the TDL adaptive filters 40 has at least three delay-line tap and the feedback filter 18 has at least two delay-line taps as shown in Fig. 8.

A propagation model is considered for the computer simulation by assuming that CW jamming signals at frequencies Ω_1 and Ω_2 are arriving at angles θ_1 and θ_2 respectively and a desired signal has no multipath component. The normal Equation (20) is applied to the two-interferer model, where the submatrices Ψ_{11} and Ψ_{12}

are given by:

$$\Psi_{11} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 + h + b + \rho & h \cdot \exp(j\Omega_1 T) + b \cdot \exp(j\Omega_2 T) & h \cdot \exp(j2\Omega_1 T) + b \cdot \exp(j2\Omega_2 T) \\ h \cdot \exp(-j\Omega_1 T) + b \cdot \exp(-j\Omega_2 T) & 1 + h + b + \rho & h \cdot \exp(j\Omega_1 T) + b \cdot \exp(j\Omega_2 T) \\ h \cdot \exp(-j2\Omega_1 T) + b \cdot \exp(-j2\Omega_2 T) & h \cdot \exp(-j\Omega_1 T) + b \cdot \exp(-j\Omega_2 T) & 1 + h + b + \rho \end{bmatrix} \quad (24a)$$

$$\Psi_{12} =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \exp(-j\phi_a) + h \cdot \exp(j\phi_1) + b \cdot \exp(j\phi_2) & h \cdot \exp(j\Omega_1 T - \phi_1) + b \cdot \exp(j\Omega_2 T - \phi_2) & h \cdot \exp(j2\Omega_1 T - \phi_1) + b \cdot \exp(j2\Omega_2 T - \phi_2) \\ h \cdot \exp(-j\Omega_1 T - \phi_1) + b \cdot \exp(-j\Omega_2 T - \phi_2) & \exp(-j\phi_a) + h \cdot \exp(j\phi_1) + b \cdot \exp(j\phi_2) & h \cdot \exp(j\Omega_1 T - \phi_1) + b \cdot \exp(j\Omega_2 T - \phi_2) \\ h \cdot \exp(-j2\Omega_1 T - \phi_1) + b \cdot \exp(-j2\Omega_2 T - \phi_2) & h \cdot \exp(-j\Omega_1 T - \phi_1) + b \cdot \exp(-j\Omega_2 T - \phi_2) & \exp(-j\phi_a) + h \cdot \exp(j\phi_1) + b \cdot \exp(j\phi_2) \end{bmatrix} \quad (24b)$$

$$H_1^T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (24c)$$

$$H_2^T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \exp(-j\phi_a) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \exp(-j\phi_a) \end{bmatrix} \quad (24d)$$

$$S_1^T = [1 \ 0 \ 0] \quad (24e)$$

$$S_2^T = [\exp(-j\phi_a) \ 0 \ 0] \quad (24f)$$

$$0 = [0 \ 0] \quad (24g)$$

$$C_1^T = [c_{10} \ c_{11} \ c_{12}] \quad (24h)$$

$$C_2^T = [c_{20} \ c_{21} \ c_{22}] \quad (24i)$$

$$D^T = [d_1 \ d_2] \quad (24j)$$

where, $\phi_a = \pi \sin \theta_a$, $\phi_1 = \pi \sin \theta_1$, $\phi_2 = \pi \sin \theta_2$.

A computer simulation was made on a two-interferer model by assuming that a unit the desired signal S and jamming signals J₁ and J₂ all are arriving at 60° at 0-dB D/U ratio and the frequencies Ω_1 and Ω_2 of the jamming signals J₁ and J₂ are 0 and $-0.25f_s \times 2\pi$, respectively. The signal-to-noise ratio was set to 60 dB.

The figure eight pattern shown at Fig. 9A is the result of the computer simulation on a section of the two-interferer model of Fig. 8 that includes the reference tap weights c_{10} and c_{20} . It is seen that the main lobe of the pattern is oriented at 60°.

By solving the following Equation which generally represents the frequency response of the Fig. 4 embodiment using the parameters given above,

$$H(\omega, \theta) = \left| \sum_{k=1}^N \sum_{n=1}^M c_{kn} \cdot \exp\{-j(n-1)\pi \sin \theta\} \exp\{j(k-1)\omega\tau\} \right| \quad (25)$$

a frequency response having two notch filtering effects as shown in Fig. 9B was obtained for the two-interferer model of Fig. 8. Although the desired and jamming signals are arriving in the same direction, the jamming signals are cancelled by the notch filtering effects of the two-TDL adaptive filters. Intersymbol interferences introduced to the desired signal by the notch filtering effects are cancelled by the feedback filter 18 as in the single-interferer model.

Further simulation results were derived from the two-interferer model of Fig. 8 as shown in Figs. 10A, 10B and 10C by shifting the arrival direction of the jamming signal J_2 from 60° to 20° . The directivity pattern shown at Fig. 10A is a result derived from the reference tap weights c_{10} and c_{20} . The frequency response of the two-interferer model for jamming signal J_1 (arriving at 60°) is shown in Fig. 10B. It is seen that jamming signal J_1 is reduced to a minimum by a deep notch that occurs at 0 frequency. The frequency response of the two-interferer model for jamming signal J_2 (arriving at 20°) is shown in Fig. 10C, indicating that jamming signal J_2 is reduced to a minimum by a deep notch that occurs at frequency $-0.25f_s$.

It is seen from the foregoing description that by setting the reference tap at the center of the delay line of each TDL adaptive filter optimum equalization and intersymbol interference cancellation can be realized. With the reference tap of each TDL filter being set at the delay-line center point, the antennas' main lobe is oriented in the arrival direction of the desired signal for maximum gain reception, the taps of each filter that precedes the reference tap and the taps following the reference tap constitute a matched filter for removing dispersed components of the desired signal so that implicit diversity gain is obtained, and jamming signals are cancelled by linear superposition of a set of preceding weighted tap signals and a set of succeeding weighted tap signals. Additionally, precursor distortions are removed by the TDL adaptive filters and postcursor distortions are removed by the feedback filter.

A modified form of the N-element TDL adaptive filter array of Fig. 4 is shown in Fig. 11. The modified N-element adaptive filter array comprises L groups of N multipliers 60_{ik} , (where $i = 1, 2, \dots, L$ and $k = 1, 2, \dots, N$). The multipliers 60 of each group are connected to receive baseband signals $x_1 \sim x_N$ from the receivers $11_1 \sim 11_N$, respectively. L groups of N update circuits 61_{ik} are connected respectively to the N multipliers 60 of the corresponding groups for supplying weight coefficients c_{ik} to the multipliers of the corresponding groups, and L summers $62_1 \sim 62_L$ corresponding to the groups of multipliers 60 and connected to the outputs of the multipliers of the corresponding groups. The output of summer 62_1 is directly connected to the summer 15 and the output of summer 62_2 is connected to the summer 15 through a symbol-interval (T) delay element 63_1 . The output of summer 62_L is connected to the summer 15 through a series of symbol-interval delay elements $63_{(L-1)1} \sim 63_{(L-1)(L-1)}$, so that the output of summer 62_L is delayed by (L-1) symbol intervals with respect to the output of summer 62_1 .

In each update circuit 61_{ik} of each group i , the weight coefficient c_{ik} is derived by a complex correlator 70 in which the decision error ε is multiplied with a correction coefficient μ to produce a corrected error $\mu\varepsilon$ which is then correlated with a complex conjugate of a corresponding baseband signal x_k to produce an update signal. The update signal is subtracted in a subtractor 71 from the output of a symbol-interval delay element 72 to produce a weight coefficient c_{ik} at the output of subtractor 71. If each of the TDL filters of Fig. 4 were to be formed with three delay taps, such TDL filters would be equivalent to the receiver of Fig. 11 having three summers 62_1 , 62_2 and 62_{L-3} with two symbol delays introduced to the output of summer 62_3 and two delay taps in the feedback filter 18.

Claims

1. A decision feedback equalizer for an array of antenna systems each of which receives a modulated carrier and recovers a series of symbols from the carrier, the decision feedback equalizer comprising:
 - first filter means connected to the antenna systems for respectively multiplying symbols from said antenna systems with first weight coefficients;
 - combiner means for combining the multiplied symbols from said first filter means with second symbols applied thereto and producing therefrom a combined symbol;
 - decision means for making a decision on the combined symbol and producing therefrom a decision symbol;

second filter means for multiplying decision symbols successively supplied from said decision means respectively with second weight coefficients and applying the multiplied decision symbols as said second symbols to said combiner means;

error detector means for detecting a difference between said decision symbol and said combined symbol and deriving therefrom a decision error;

first update means for updating each of said first weight coefficients with said decision error and the symbol from each of said antenna systems so that a mean square of said decision error is reduced to a minimum value; and

second update means for updating each of said second weight coefficients with said decision error and each of the decision symbols successively supplied from the decision means so that the mean square of said decision error is reduced to the minimum value.

2. A decision feedback equalizer as claimed in claim 1, wherein said first update means comprises a plurality of update circuits corresponding respectively to said antenna systems, each of said update circuits deriving a weight coefficient from said decision error and the symbol from the corresponding antenna system, and wherein said first filter means comprises a plurality of multipliers corresponding respectively to said antenna systems and said update circuits for respectively multiplying symbols from the corresponding antenna systems with the weight coefficients from the corresponding update circuits.

3. A decision feedback equalizer as claimed in claim 1, wherein said first update means comprises a plurality of groups of update circuits, the update circuit groups corresponding respectively to said antenna systems, each of the update circuits of each group deriving a weight coefficient from said decision error and one of a series of symbols supplied from the corresponding antenna system,

wherein said first filter means comprises:

a plurality of tapped-delay lines connected respectively to said antenna systems; and

a plurality of groups of multipliers, the multiplier groups corresponding respectively to said tapped-delay lines and said update circuit groups, the multipliers of each group being connected respectively to successive taps of the corresponding tapped-delay line for respectively multiplying symbols at the successive taps with weight coefficients supplied from the update circuits of the corresponding group and supplying the multiplied symbols to said combiner means.

4. A decision feedback equalizer as claimed in claim 1, wherein said first update means comprises a plurality of groups of update circuits, the update circuits of each group corresponding respectively to said antenna systems, each of said update circuits of the group deriving a weight coefficient from said decision error and a symbol supplied from the corresponding antenna system,

wherein said first filter means comprises:

a plurality of groups of multipliers, the multiplier groups corresponding respectively to said update circuit groups, the multipliers of each group being connected respectively to said antenna systems for respectively multiplying symbols from the antenna systems with weight coefficients supplied from the update circuits of the corresponding group; and

a plurality of summers corresponding respectively to the multiplier groups for summing the multiplied symbols of the corresponding multiplier group and producing therefrom a plurality of summed symbols;

a plurality of delay means for respectively delaying the summed symbols by different amounts corresponding respectively to said summers and applying the delayed summed symbols to said combiner means.

5. A decision feedback equalizer as claimed in claim 2, wherein each of said update circuits includes means for correlating said decision error with the symbol from the corresponding antenna system to produce a correlation signal and means for subtracting the correlation signal from a delayed version of the correlation signal to derive said weight coefficient.

6. A decision feedback equalizer as claimed in claim 3, wherein each of said update circuits comprises means for correlating said decision error with a symbol supplied from a corresponding one of the successive taps of a corresponding one of the tapped delay lines to produce a correlation signal and means for subtracting the correlation signal from a delayed version of the correlation signal to produce said weight coefficient.

7. A decision feedback equalizer as claimed in claim 4, wherein each of said update circuits includes means

for correlating said decision error with a symbol supplied from the corresponding said antenna system to produce a correlation signal and means for subtracting the correlation signal from a delayed version of the correlation signal to produce said weight coefficient.

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8. A decision feedback equalizer as claimed in any of claims 1 to 7, wherein said second filter means comprises:

a tapped-delay line connected to said decision means for producing a series of decision symbols at successive taps of the tapped-delay line; and

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a plurality of multipliers connected respectively to successive taps of said tapped-delay line for multiplying said decision symbols at said successive taps with said second weight coefficients respectively and supplying the multiplied decision symbols to said combiner means,

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wherein said second update means includes a plurality of update circuits corresponding respectively to the successive taps of the tapped-delay line of said second filter means for deriving said second weight coefficients from said decision error and said decision symbols from said corresponding taps.

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9. A decision feedback equalizer as claimed in claim 8, wherein each of said update circuits of the second update means includes means for correlating said decision error with a decision symbol from the corresponding tap of said tapped-delay line to produce a correlation signal and means for subtracting the correlation signal from a delayed version of the correlation signal to produce said second weight coefficient.

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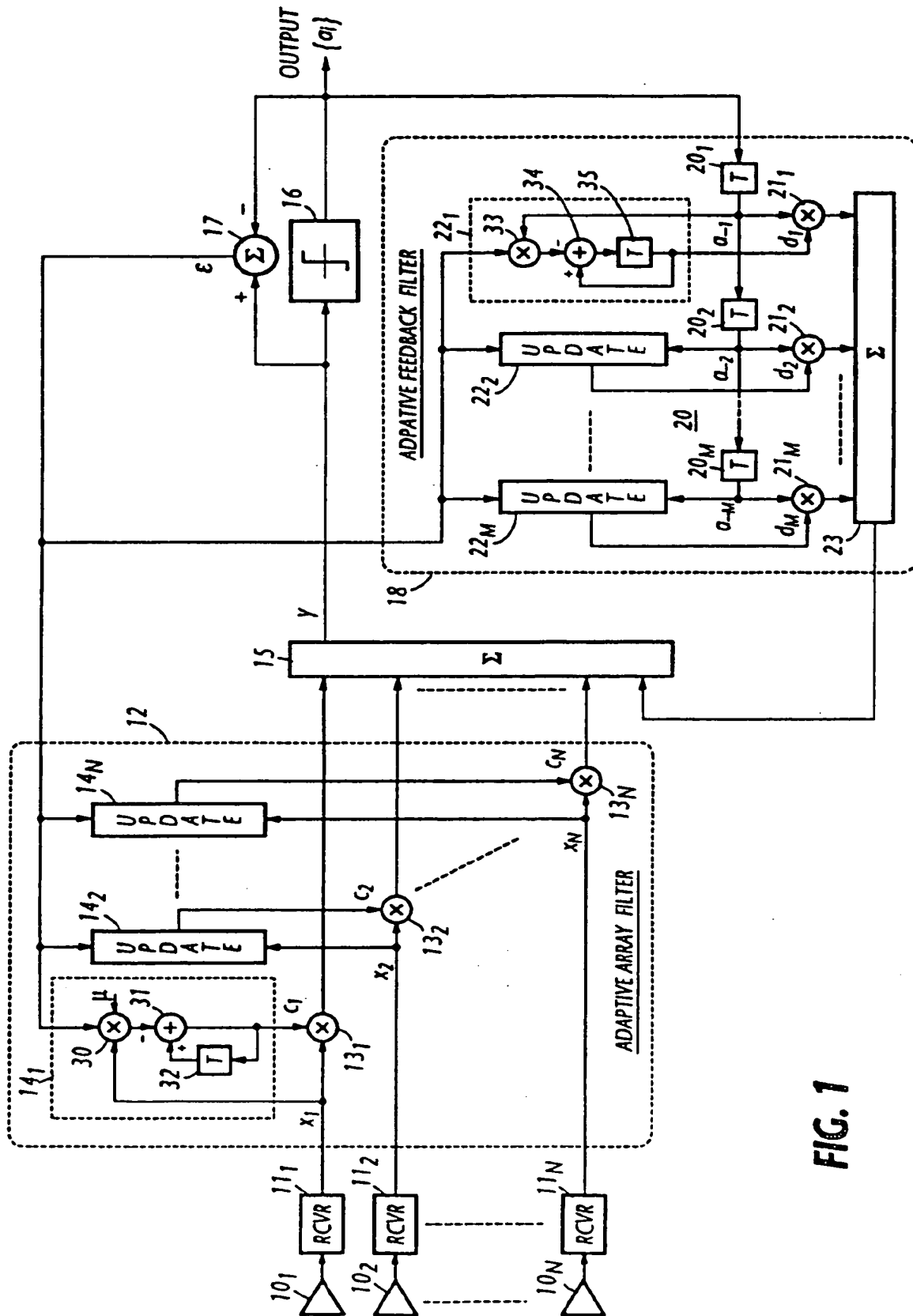


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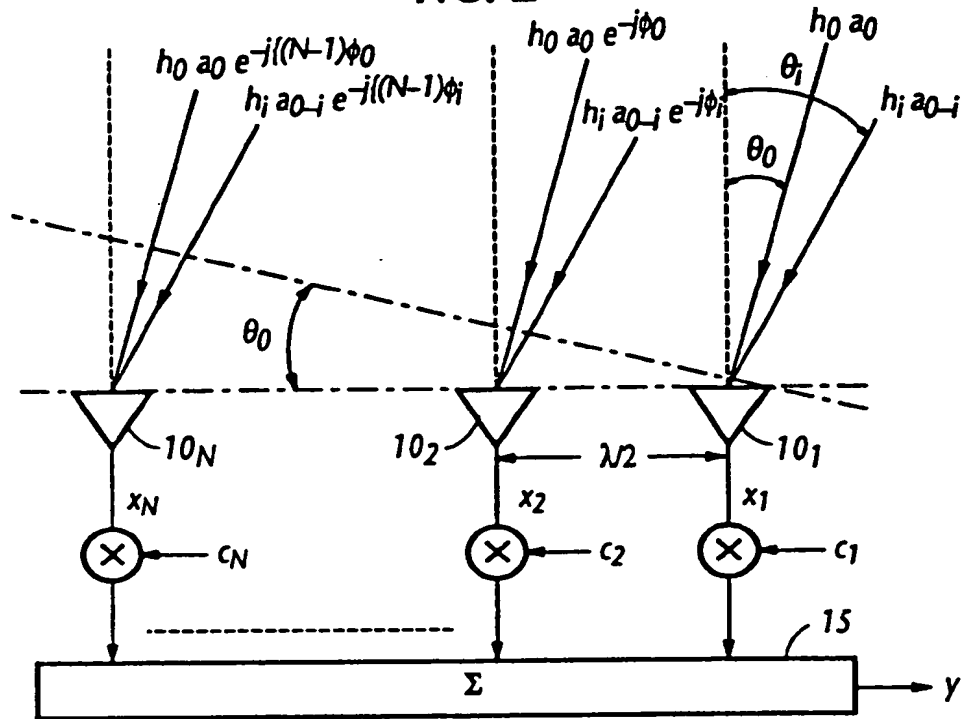


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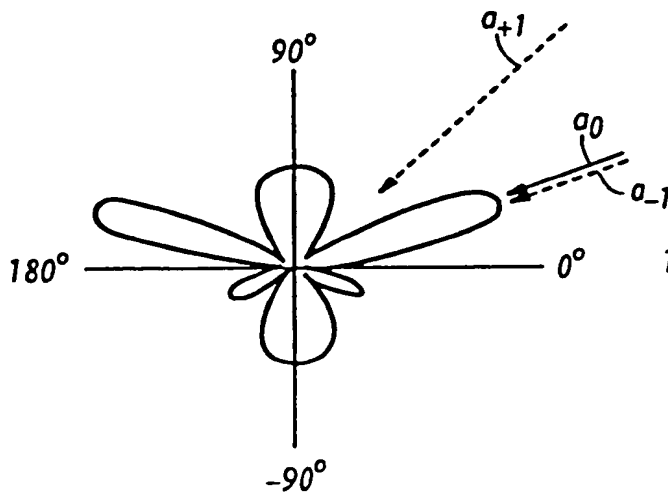


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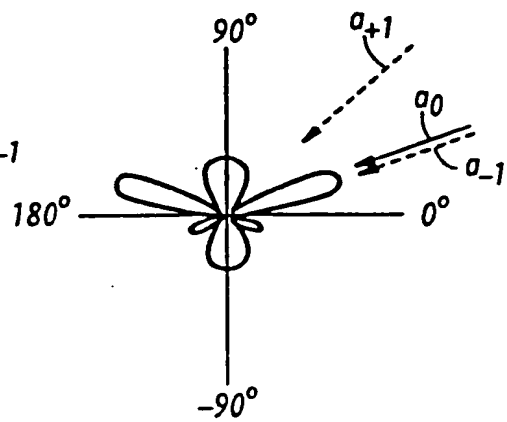


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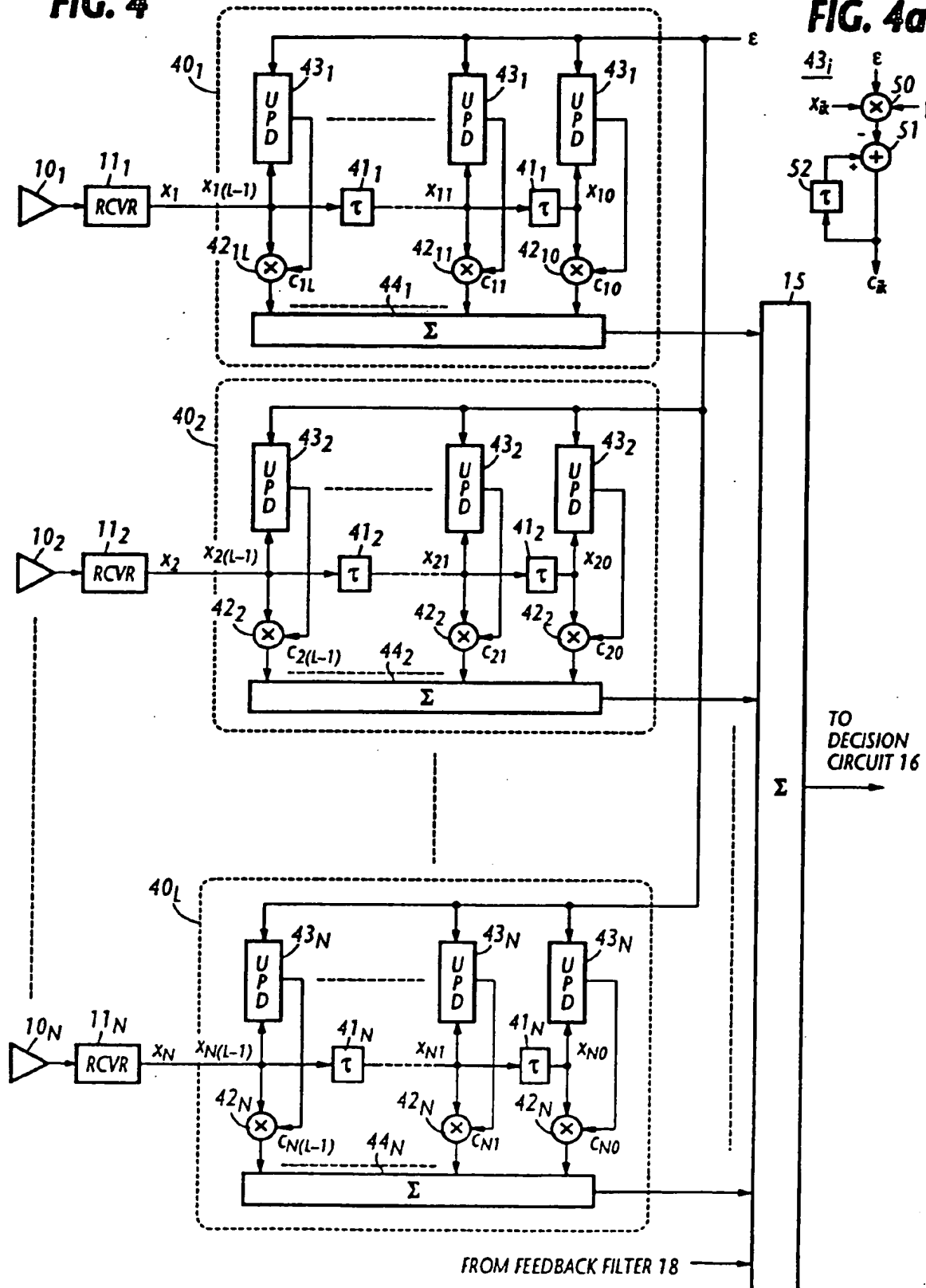


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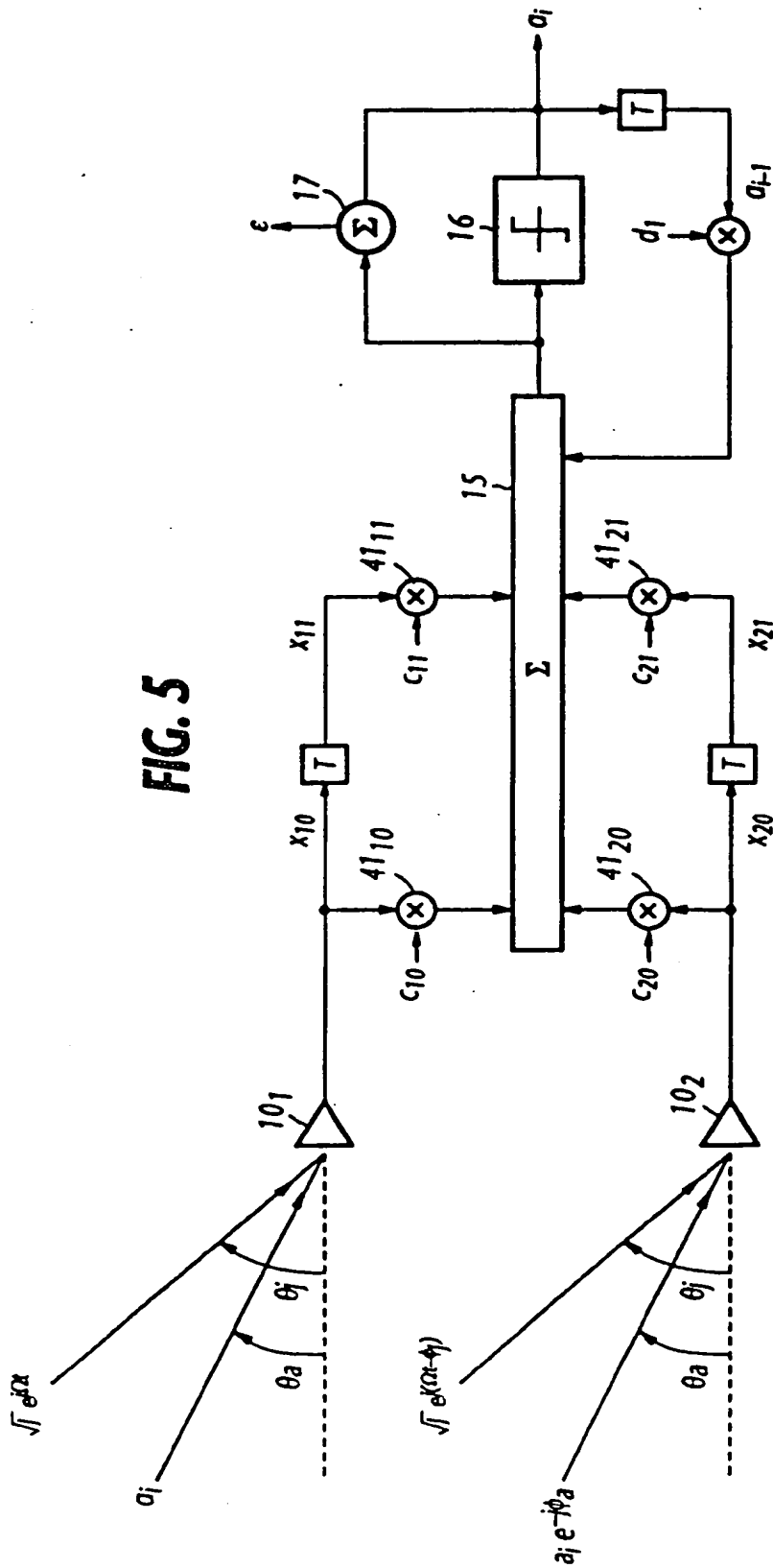


FIG. 6A

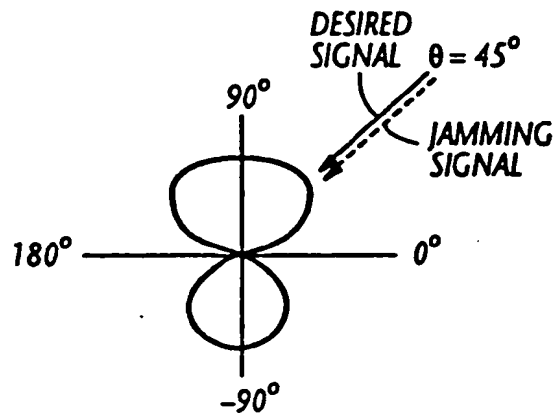


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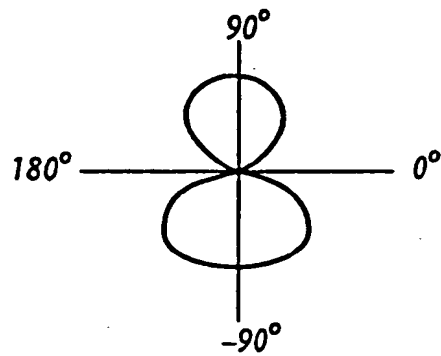


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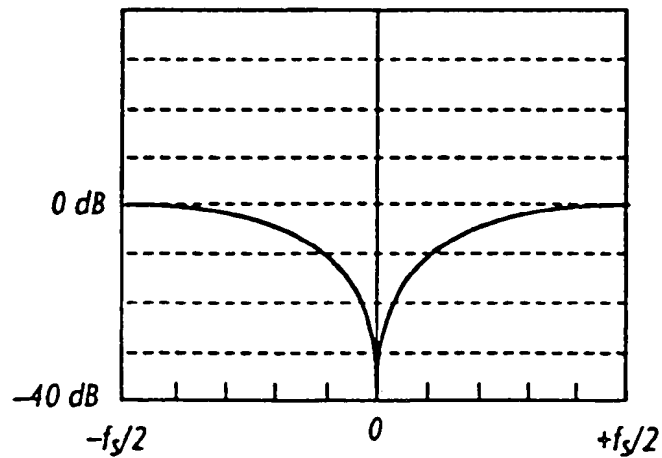


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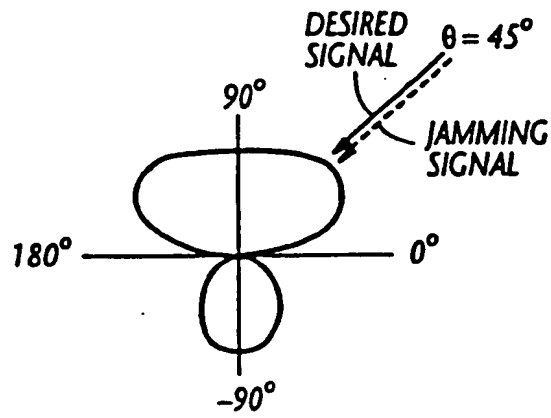


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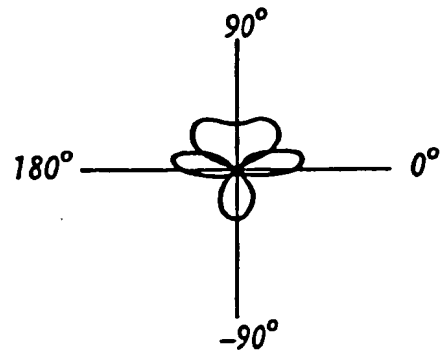


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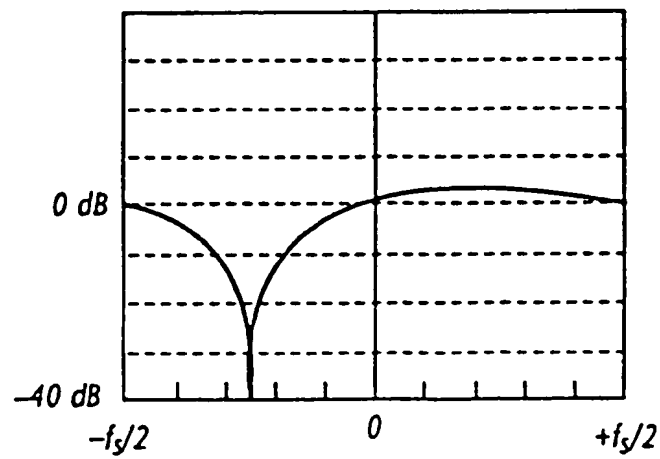


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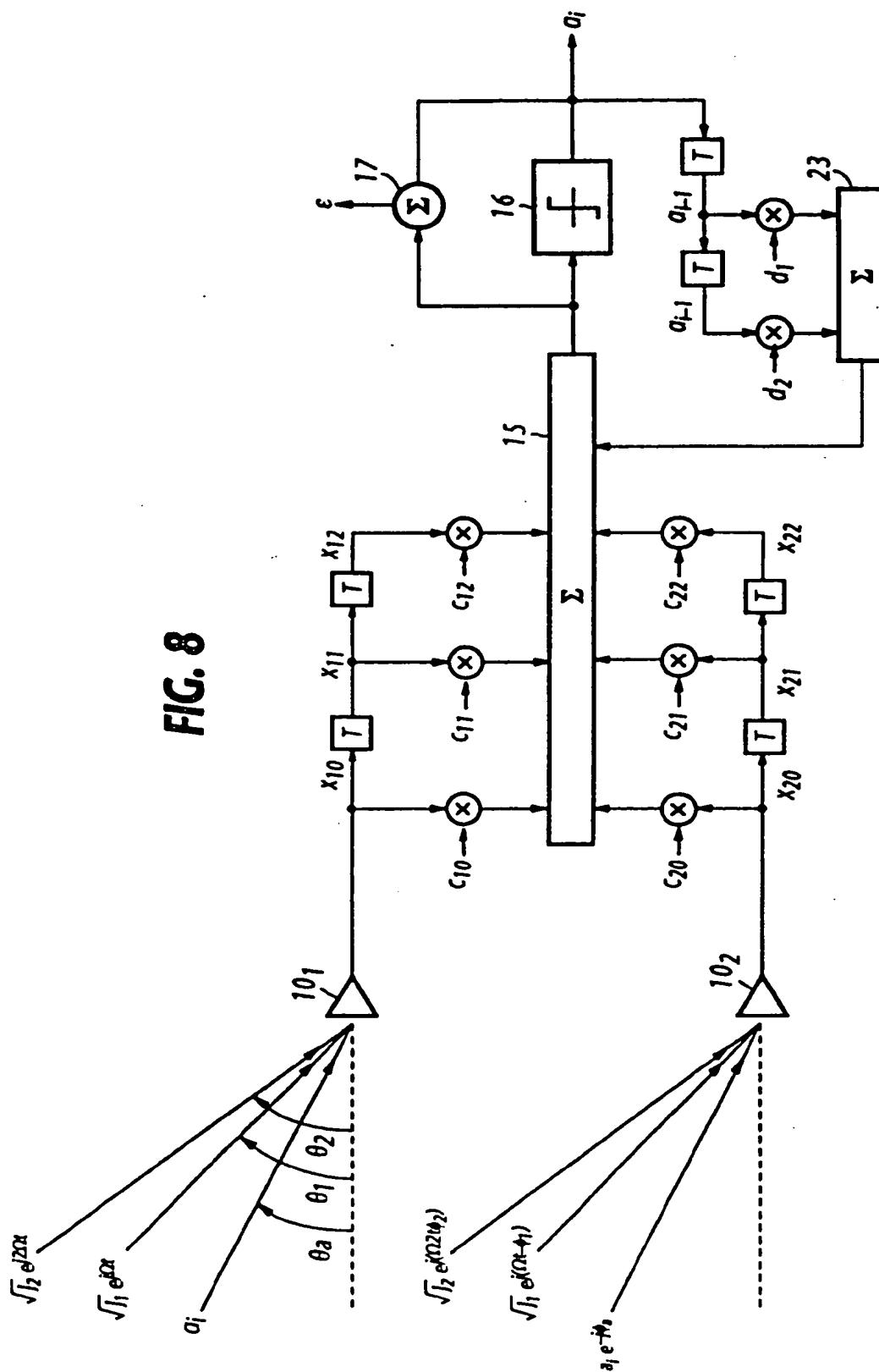


FIG. 9A

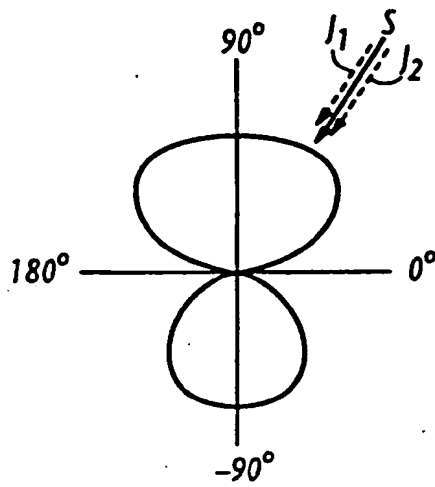


FIG. 9B

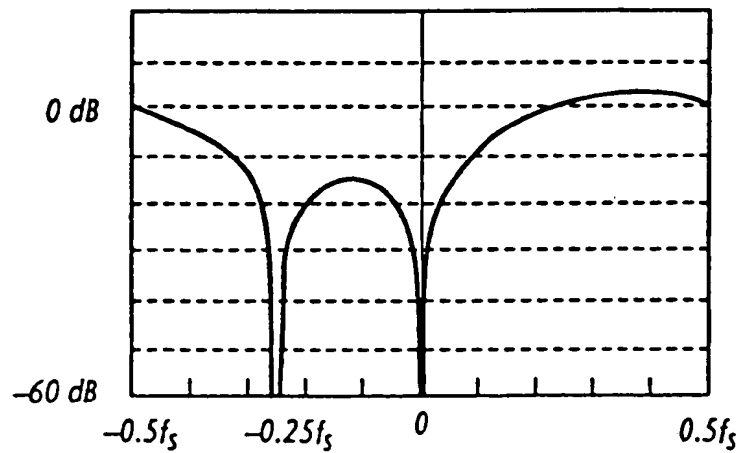


FIG. 10A

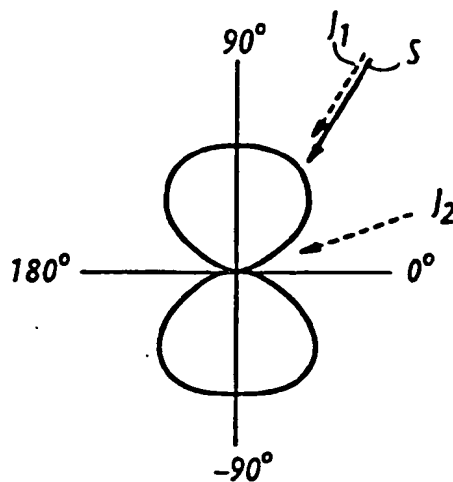


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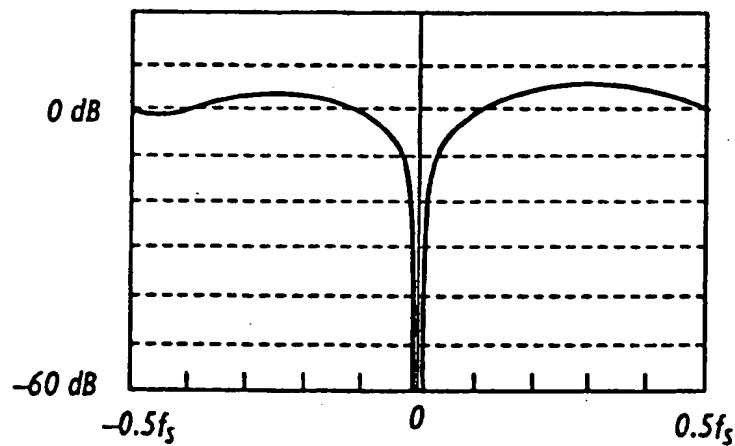
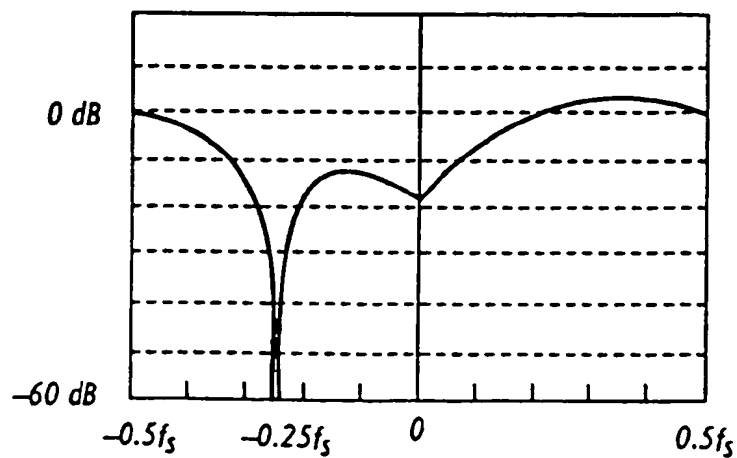


FIG. 10C



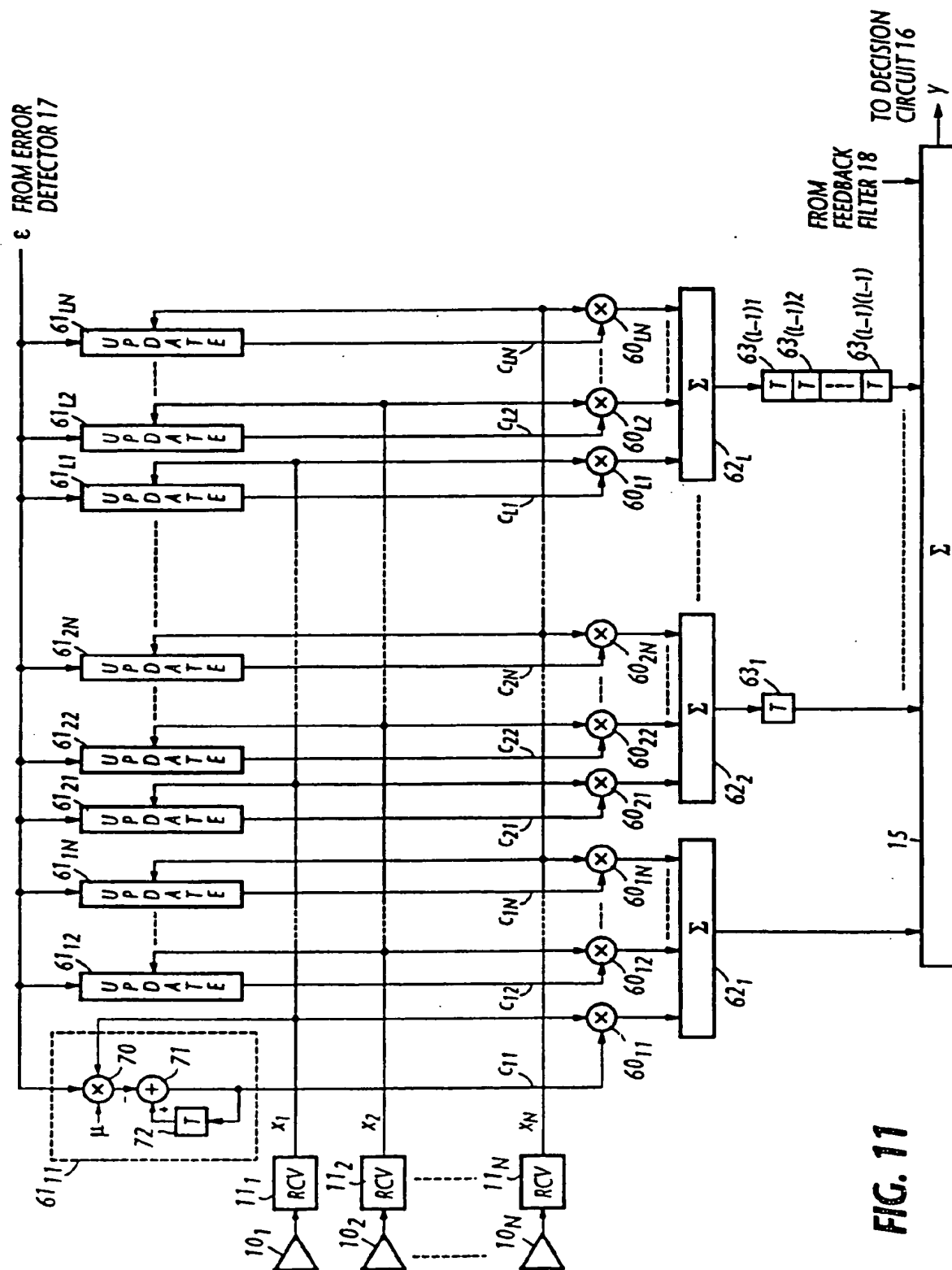
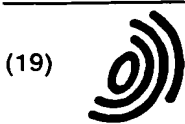


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(54) Decision feedback equalizer with adaptive filter array operating as feedforward filter of the equalizer

(57) In a decision feedback equalizer, symbols from an array of antennas (10_1 - 10_N) are fed to a first filter (12) where they are respectively multiplied with first weight coefficients and supplied to a combiner (15) where they are combined with second symbols to produce a combined symbol. A decision circuit (16) makes a decision on the combined symbol and produces a decision symbol. Decision symbols successively generated by the decision circuit are fed to a second filter (18) where they are respectively multiplied with second weight coefficients and supplied to the combiner (15) as the second symbols. A difference between the decision symbol and the combined symbol is detected to produce a decision error. Each of the first weight coefficients is updated according to the decision error and the symbol from each of the antenna systems and each of the second weight coefficients is updated according to the decision error and each of the decision symbols successively-supplied from the decision circuit so that the mean square value of the decision error is reduced to a minimum.

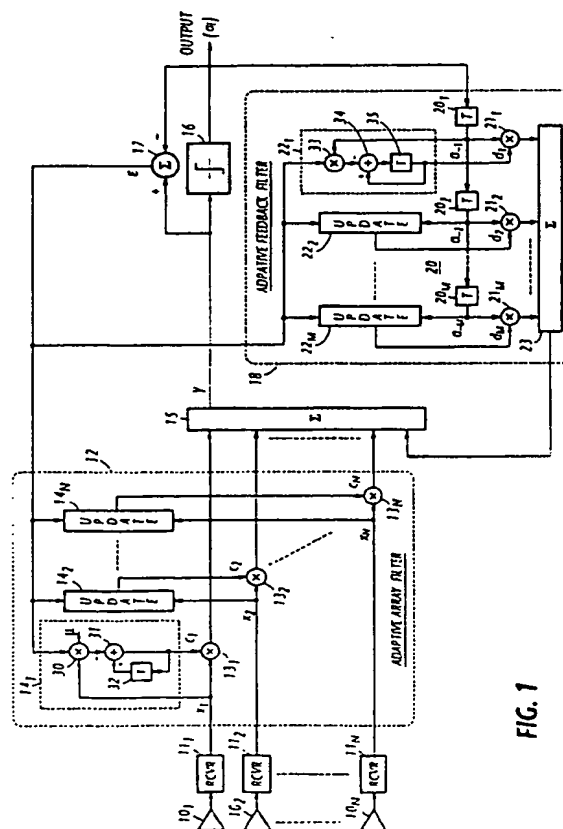


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